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EXAMINING GROUP 2671

Docket No.: 1083.1005D

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masaki WATANABE et al.

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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on August 22, 2001.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 37 and 41 with the following:

37. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of displaying a three-dimensional shape model onto a two-dimensional plane, characterized in that a polyhedron containing therein whole or a part of the three-dimensional shape model is also displayed, wherein at least a depth of a control point on the three-dimensional shape model is controlled in accordance with a position of the polyhedron.

41. (ONCE AMENDED) An apparatus for displaying a three-dimensional shape model onto a two-dimensional plane, comprising: